



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE 684th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 684th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on July 19, 2007 in Room 372 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bertrum M. CeDillos, Chair
Nelson L. Atkins, Vice Chair
Clifton Albright
Gary Barr
Andrew Friedman
William Galloway
Paul A. Jacobs
Neal S. Millard
Carol L. Rose
Sylvia Scott Hayes
Ann Jackson

MEMBERS EXCUSED

None

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Detective Bernard Barber, Los Angeles Police Department
Devallis Rutledge, District Attorney's Office
Dardy Chen, Superior Court
Captain Samuel Dacus, LA County Sheriff's Dept.
Laura Green, LA County Office of the Public Defender

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Art Acevedo, Superior Court
Honorable James Endman, Superior Court
Robert A. Dukes, Superior Court

STAFF

Sandra B. Barbee, Division Chief, Commission Services
Rosemary Osuna, Commission Staff
Martha Arana, Commission Staff

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair CeDillos called the 684th regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:29 p.m.

He informed the Commission of the passing of Commissioner Thomas J. Jeffers, who passed away on July 5, 2007 from cancer. Chair CeDillos further added that Supervisor Antonovich adjourned the Board of Supervisors' meeting of July 10th in memory of Commissioner Jeffers and that a private service memorial was held by the Jeffers family on the week of July 9th. The private services were attended by Supervisor Antonovich and Commissioner Galloway.

Commissioner Galloway reported that the family will hold a memorial service for the public on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at St Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, located at 215 Foothill Blvd., La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Millard. Introductions of Commissioners, Ex Officio Members, Staff and Guests followed. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Commissioner Jeffers.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2007

On motion of Commissioner Albright, seconded by Commissioner Scott-Hayes, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of May 17, 2007 were approved as submitted.

CHAIR'S OVERVIEW OF 2005-2006

Chair CeDillos thanked the Commission members for attending Commission meetings and for contributing their expertise and gave a brief overview of the events, accomplishments and programs that transpired and/or continued to expand during his tenure as Chair for the Commission. Included were: the Child Care Waiting Room Program that was spearheaded by Commissioner Ann Jackson, Dr. Margaret Little, and Judge Sandoz; the Safe Child Custody Exchange Pilot Programs, in the Temple City and Carson Sheriff's Stations that were lead by Peggy Shuttleworth (CCJCC) and Bea Dieringer (District Attorney's Office); and the "Self Help Legal Access Centers" that were started with the funds received by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Chair CeDillos also thanked the Commission Staff and acknowledged the professional and tireless support that was given to the Commission by Jim Corbett and Demetria "Dedie" Ward.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

Sandra P. Barbee, Division Chief, opened nominations from the floor for the Offices of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission for 2007-2008. Commissioner Albright nominated Commissioner Atkins to serve as Chair. Commissioner Galloway nominated Commissioner Jacobs to serve as Vice-Chair. Nominations from the floor were then closed.

On motion of Commissioner Albright, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, and unanimously carried, Commissioner Nelson L. Atkins was elected as Chair of the Commission for 2007-08.

On motion of Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Albright, and unanimously carried, Commissioner Paul A. Jacobs was elected as Vice Chair of the Commission for 2007-08.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

Commissioner Devallis Rutledge reported that, this morning, the California Supreme Court issued decisions affecting sentencing with the following two cases: People vs. Black (S126182) and People vs. Sandoval (S148917). The U.S. Supreme Court last term issued a decision based on Cunningham vs. California Case which basically stipulated that the sentencing scheme in California was not in line with the sixth amendment because it allowed Judges to choose from one of three different sentences – Low Term, Mid Term, and High Term. These new decisions will clarify the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the Cunningham v. California, on California's determinate sentencing law.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 684th meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 1:05 p.m. in the memory of Thomas J. Jeffers.